TWENTY-EIGHTH DAY.

(Thursday, February 25, 1937)

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by President Woodul.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present:

Aikin Oneal. Beck. Pace. Brownlee. Rawlings. Burns. Redditt. Collie. Roberts. Cotten. Small. Davis. Stone. Head. Sulak. Van Zandt. Hill Holbrook. Weinert. Isbell. Westerfeld. Winfield. Moore. Neal. Woodruff. Newton.

The following Senators were absent and excused:

Lemens. Shivers. Nelson. Spears.

A quorum was announced present. The invocation was offered by the Chaplain.

Reading of the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday was dispensed with, on motion of Senator Aikin.

Leaves of Absence Granted

Senator Lemens was granted leave of absence for today and tomorrow on account of illness, on motion of Senator Aikin.

Senators Shivers, Nelson Spears, were granted leaves of absence for today on account of important business, on motion of Senator Stone.

Reports of Standing Committees.

Reports on Senate Bills Nos. 105, 99, 96, 305, 248, 321, 374, 40, 85 and 4 and on House bills Nos. 293 and 342 and were submitted by the chairmen of the several committees to which they were referred. (See Appendix for reports in full.)

Senate Bills and Joint Resolution on First Reading.

The following Senate bills and

read first time and referred to appropriate committees as indicated:

By Senator Pace:

S. B. No. 356, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 7, Title 78, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, relating to the organization and operation of mutual life insurance companies, by amending Article 4804 thereof so as to provide that the officers of such companies shall give bond in some solvent surety company authorized to transact business in this State for the protection of the policyholders against fraud, dishonesty, embezzlement and other dishonest acts of such officers. Amending Article 4809 to define the method of computing the net premiums upon policies issued by such companies; amending Article 4819 so as to provide that such companies shall be governed by the provisions of Chapter 3 of this title when not in conflict with the articles of this chapter and that such companies organized under this chapter may transact an accident and health business as provided in Chapter 3 of this title and to provide that no certificate of authority to transact business under this chapter shall be granted unless such company shall have not less than Twenty Five Thousand Dollars in invested assets. Repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Insurance.

By Senator Holbrook:

S. B. No. 357, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the commissioners' court in any county having a population of not less than 17,600 and not more than 17,700 according to the United States Census of 1930 to allow each county commissioner certain expenses for traveling and in connection with the use of his automobile on official business; requiring each such commissioner to pay the expense of operation and repair of such automobile so used by him without further expense to the county; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Counjoint resolution were introduced, ties and County Boundaries.

By Senator Brownlee:

S. B. No. 358, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 2961, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925; repealing laws and parts of laws in conflict and expressly repealing Article 2962, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Hill:

S. B. No. 359, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the administration of oaths to witnesses by the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Chairman of a Committee of the Whole or of any committee of either or both Houses of the Legislature, or any member thereof, by any member of either House in a matter pending before either House of which he is a member, or any committee thereof; refusal of any witness to testify to constitute a misdemeanor, and providing a penalty; providing for privilege of witnesses; providing for certification of failure to testify to the District Attorney of Travis County, Texas by the chairman of any investigating committee appointed by either House of the Legislature or joint committee thereof; and providing for the presentation of such certification to the grand jury; providing for punishment for failure to produce books, papers, records or documents required by either House of the Legislature or any committee thereof or joint committee thereof; providing for punishment when neither House is in session; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Hill:

S. B. No. 360, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing that no Mutual Aid Association use or adopt in the name of the company the words "Insurance," "Old Line," or "Legal Reserve," or the name of any person living or dead; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Insurance.

By Senator Hill:

S. B. No. 361, A bill to be entitled "An Act prohibiting Assistant Attorneys General from accepting employment in civil suits to which the State of Texas is a party for a period of two years after discontinuing their service with the State; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

By Senator Winfield:

S. B. No. 362, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the payment of warrants and vouchers issued by towns and cities in the State of Texas for funds received and used by such towns and cities in a sum not to exceed Eight Thousand (\$8,000) Dollars prior to June 1, 1932, and applying to such warrants and vouchers issued as renewals of such original warrants and vouchers, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

By Senator Newton:

S. B. No. 363, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing all cities and towns whether incorporated under General Law or under special charter granted by the Legislature or by charter adopted or amended by vote of the people, to construct or acquire otherwise and install sanitary equipment as provided herein, to pay for same or to issue its obligations in connection therewith, to charge rentals for use of said equipment, to issue revenue bonds, notes or warrants based on such income and further secured by a mortgage on such properties, further secured by a pledge of the right to the foreclosure purchaser to operate said properties for the period of time herein named; prescribing conditions under which other utilities and income thereof mav mortgaged for such purposes; provided that in the issuance of tax supported bonds the provisions of Title 22, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925 as amended shall be applicable: provided that in the issuance of interest bearing time warrants the provisions of Chapter 163, Acts of the Regular Session of the Forty-second Legislature shall be applicable; provided that in the issuance of bonds,

notes or warrants secured by pledged Forty-fourth Legislature, revenues the procedure prescribed in Articles 1111 to 1118, inclusive, Revised Civil Statutes of 1925 as amended shall be applicable; validating all actions heretofore taken and obligations heretofore issued, by such cities and towns in reference gency." thereto; making this Act cumulative of all other Laws, and providing that in case of conflict with other Laws, the provisions hereof shall prevail, and declaring an emergency.'

Referred to Committee on Public Health.

By Senator Oneal:

S. B. No. 364, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Title 18, Chapter 4, Articles 1573, 1574, 1575, 1576, 1577, 1578 and 1578-a of the Penal Code of the State of Texas as amended by the Regular Session of the Forty-first Legislature, 1929, relating to the employment of children; providing that children under sixteen years of age shall not hereafter be employed in or about certain establishments; providing that children under eighteen years of age shall not be employed in mines, quarries or other places where explosives are used; providing it shall be unlawful to send children employed as messengers to certain places; limiting the number of hours children under sixteen years of age, with permit from county judge, may be allowed or required to work; prescribing a procedure for the county judge of any county to issue permits for employment of children under sixteen years of age under certain conditions and requiring a record to be kept of all such permits issued; providing the Commissioner of Labor Statistics or his duly authorized representatives shall have free access to all places where children or minors are employed; providing certain exceptions; providing a saving clause and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Labor.

By Senator Redditt:

S. B. No. 365, A bill to be entitled "An Act appropriating the sum of \$150,000.00 to the Texas State Employment Service for the purpose of an emergency. maintaining public employment offices provided for under Acts 1935, tional Affairs.

Regular Session, Chapter 236, page 552, and as amended by Acts Third Called Session Forty-fourth Legislature, Chapter 482, Section 12, for the balance of the fiscal year ending August 31, 1937; and declaring an emer-

Referred to Committee on Finance.

By Senator Redditt:

S. B. No. 366, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriation of certain sums of money, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of the General Revenue Fund to pay taxes due by the State to Maydelle Independent School District, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Finance.

By Senator Redditt:

S. B. No. 367, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 2, H. B. No. 327, Chapter 350, General Laws of the Forty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session, as amended by S. B. No. 58, Chapter 421 of the First Called Session of the Forty-fourth Legislature, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Fi-

Van Zandt By Senators and Cotten:

S. B. No. 368, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for a new article to the Civil Statutes of the State of Texas and to be known as Article 2879-a providing for the method, manner, and time of depositing fees collected by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction under the provisions of Article 2879 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas; and declaring an emergency.'

Referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

By Senators Van Zandt and Cotten:

S. B. No. 369, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 2866 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith; and declaring

Referred to Committee on Educa-

By Senators Van Zandt and Cotten:

S. B. No. 370, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 2870 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1925, repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

By Senator Davis:

S. B. No. 371, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 6954 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, providing for stock law elections in the following counties or subdivisions thereof, to forbid the running at large in such counties or such subdivisions of said counties of horses, mules, jacks, jennets and cattle, to-wit: Anderson, Aransas, Armstrong, Atascosa, Austin, Archer, Bastrop, Baylor, Bandera, Bee, Bell, Bexar, Blanco, Borden, Bosque, Brazos, Brewster, Briscoe, Brown, Brooks, Burleson, Burnet, Caldwell, Calhoun, Callahan, Cameron, Camp, Carson, Castro, Chambers, Cass, Carson, Castro, Chambers, Cass, Clay, Cherokee, Childress, Collingsworth, Coleman, Collin, Colorado, Cooke, Comanche, Concho, Crockett, Coryell, Cottle, Crosby, Cochran, Crane, Dallas, Dawson, Deaf Smith, Delta, Dallam, Denton, DeWitt, Dickers, Dirmitt, Dockers, Constant Concerns, Constant Concerns, Colorador Co ens, Dimmitt, Donley, Duval, Eastland, Ector, Edwards, Ellis, Erath, El Paso, Falls, Fannin, Fayette, Floyd, Foard, Fort Bend, Franklin, Fisher, Freestone, Gaines, Glasscock, Galverten, Colled, Gray, Gray Galveston, Goliad, Gray, Gregg, Guadalupe, Garza, Gillespie, Gonzales, Grimes, Grayson, Hale, Hamilton, Hansford, Harris, Harrison, Hays, Haskell, Hall, Hardeman, Hartley, Henderson, Hidalgo, Hill, Hood, Hopkins, Howard, Hockley, speth, Hunt, Hutchinson, Irion, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Jack, Jackson, Jones, Jefferson, Johnson, Karnes, Kaufman, Kent, Kimble, Knox, Kerr, Kendall, Kleberg, Lames, La mar, Lampasas, Lavaca, Lamb, Lee, Leon, Limestone, Lynn, Lipscomb, Llano, Live Oak, Liberty, Lubbock, Madison, Mason, Malary, Lubbock, Madison, Mason, McLennan, Matagorda, McCulloch, Menard, Moore, Marlon, Martin, Maverick, Medina, Midland, Milam, Mills, Mitchell, Midland, Milam, Mills, Mitchell, Montague, Montgomery, Morris, Navarro, Nacogdoches, Nolan, Nueces, Ochiltree, Oldham, Palo Pinto, Par-

ertson, Rockwall, Runnels, San Patricio, San Saba, San Jacinto, Scurry, Shackelford, Shelby, Sher-man, Smith, Somervell, Stephens, Sterling, Starr, Sutton, Swisher, Tarrant, Tom Green, Taylor, Terrell, Throckmorton, Titus, Travis, Upshur, Uvalde, Victoria, Val Verde, Van Zandt, Washington, Walker, Waller, Washington, Washington, Wise, Williamson, Wilson, Wise, Wharton, Wood, Wheeler, Webb, Ward, Wharton, Wood, Wheeler, Winkler, Wichita, Wilbarger, Young, Zapata and Zavala, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Agricultural Affairs.

By Davis (by request):

S. B. No. 372, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the adoption of a County Unit System of Education for counties having a certain population; providing for election, for taxation, bond issues, governing board, authority and duties of trustees, and providing all other necessary powers."

Referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

By Beck (by request):

S. B. No. 373, A bill to be entitled "An Act prescribing additional powers and duties of the commissioners' court in counties having a population of not less than thirty thousand (30,000) and not more than thirty thousand one hundred (30,100) according to the latest Federal Census; making provisions for holding an election in each such county to determine whether a maintenance tax shall be levied against all property in such county for the support of public schools therein; prescribing the duties of the county judge and commissioners' court in reference to said election; prescribing the duties and powers of the several boards of district trustees, in determining the amount of money necessary to maintain the schools of each school district; prescribing the duties of the commissioners' court and various county officials in reference to levying, assessing and collecting such maintenance tax; prescribing certain administrative duties of the commissioners' court over schools in the county; providing for the distribution of tax moneys collected for the benefit of the several school disker, Parmer, Pecos, Potter, Panola, tricts; providing that when the Polk, Rains, Randall, Red River, countywide maintenance tax is in Reagan, Reeves, Real, Refugio, Rob- full force and operation no school district within such county shall have authority to levy and collect further maintenance taxes except to the extent provided in this Act, leaving undisturbed the right and power of and requiring said districts to levy and collect taxes for interest and principal of bonds; providing that the duties and powers of school district trustees shall not be affected except as expressly provided in this Act; providing that this Act shall be cumulative of other laws; repealing laws inconsistent herewith; providing that if any part of this law shall be held unconstitutional remaining parts shall be unaffected; providing no countywide taxes shall be levied hereunder after the taxing year 1941, restoring all powers to the underlying school districts at and after such time; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

By Senator Moore:

S. B. No. 374, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Subsection (d) of Section 19 of Senate Bill No. 5, Forty-fourth Legislature, First Called Session, Acts 1935, Chapter 465, and to include therein provision for compensation of county commissioners in counties having a population in excess of 355,000 inhabitants, according to the last preceding or any future Federal Census, and for compensation of judges of the County Court at Law and County Court at Law No. 2 of Harris County, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

By Senator Collie:

S. B. No. 375, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 10 of the Acts of the Fortieth Legislature, 1927, page 228, Chapter 156, to provide that district judges assigned to districts other than their own districts shall be paid, in addition to all other compensation permitted or authorized by law, their actual expenses in going to and returning from their several assignments, and their actual living expenses while in the performance of their duties under assignments, which expenses shall be paid out of any funds appropriated by the Legislature for the judiciary, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, '

By Senator Burns:

S. B. No. 376, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 6069, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, relating to the duties of the State Parks Board and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Burns:

S. B. No. 377, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an emergency appropriation to the Texas Prison System and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Finance.

By Senator Spears:

S. B. No. 378, A bill to be entitled "An Act relative to certificates of title upon automobiles; defining the terms set forth in such Act; defining the vehicles to which same is applicable; requiring the procuring of certificates of title before registration; prohibiting the operation of automobiles without such certificate of title; providing for the making of applications for certificates of title together with the fees therefor; providing for the preparation of indexes as to certificates of title and the issuance of such certificates of title by the department; providing for the term of such certificate of title; etc., and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on State Highways and Motor Traffic.

By Senator Brownlee (by request):

S. B. No. 379, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an emergency appropriation for the State Board of Dental Examiners out of the Dental Registration Fund, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Finance.

By Senator Winfield:

S. B. No. 380, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the transfer of certain lands belonging to the University Permanent Fund of the University of Texas to the Girvin Independent School District of Pecos County, Texas, and further providing the consideration therefor in lieu of said land, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

By Senator Oneal (by request): S. B. No. 381, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2317 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1925, as amended by Act of Forty-third Legislature, approved March 10, 1933, and as amended by Senate Bills Nos. 242 and 523, passed by the Forty-fourth Legislature and approved April 27, 1935, and May 17, 1935, respectively, relating to the administration of private corporations in receiverships and providing for the extension of time of such receiverships and providing that corporations organized and existing under Section 68 of Article 1302, Chapter One of Title 32, and under Title 112, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, shall be exempt from certain of its provisions; and declaring an emergency.'

Referred to Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

By Senator Small:

S. B. No. 382, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Sections 2 and 6, Chapter 271, Acts of the Regular Session, Forty-second Legislature; repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Public Lands and Land Office.

By Senator Small:

S. B. No. 383. A bill to be entitled "An Act declaring the policy of the State of Texas with reference to the production and conservation of natural gas and protection of correlative rights of owners of producing properties by preventing cognizable and preventable drainage; amending Article 6008, Revised Civil Statutes of 1925 as amended by Acts. First Called Session, Forty-second Legislature as amended by Acts Regular Session, Forty-third Legislature as amended by Acts, First Called Session, Forty-third Legislature, as amended by an Act of the Forty-fourth Legislature; defining certain terms used in the bill; prohibiting waste in the production; transportation and use of natural gas and defining the term waste, providing where oil and gas are pro-duced through the same well bore but through different strings of cas- Affairs.

ing from different producing horizons the production for each horizon shall be a separate well; prohibiting the production from an oil well natural gas found in a formation productive of natural gas only; authorizing the Railroad Commission with certain restrictions, to determine the gas-oil ratio; authorizing the commission to make and enforce rules, regulations and orders to prevent waste in the production of natural gas to prevent drainage independently of preventing waste and to accomplish the purposes of this Act including certain specified purposes; designating the uses to which sweet gas, sour gas, and casinghead gas may be put; requiring periodic tests of gas wells to determine the open flow and rock pressure thereof; providing for inspection, reading or testing of any gas meter; authorizing the Railroad Commission to prorate and regulate the daily production of all gas wells to prevent waste and to adjust correlative rights by prohibiting cognizable and preventable drainage and prescribing the means and methods to accomplish same; prescribing the minimum limits to which the open flow of gas wells may be restricted; prescribing a maximum daily production for each gas well, restricting all wells to a schedule of production fixed by the Railroad Commission; promulgated to accomplish one or more purposes of this Act; authorizing the zoning of a common reservoir from which natural gas is produced; authorizing the agreements for cooperative development of gas producing properties; vesting the Commission with a broad discretion in administering this Act; prescribing the penalties for violations of this Act and authorizing suits for penalties in the name of the State and fixing the venue of such suits; providing for judicial review of the orders of the Commission; repealing all laws in conflict with this Act, but providing that this Act shall not repeal, modify nor impair the power of the Commission under oil and gas conservation laws; providing that if any portion of the Act is unconstitutional, it shall not affect the remaining parts; and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on State

By Senator Small:

S. B. No. 384, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing and authorizing that any bonds, interest thereon, or similar obligations, issued by any municipality of political division of the State may be made payable at the office of the State Treasurer, designating and constituting the State Treasurer, Ex-officio Treasurer and fiscal agent of such municipalities and political divisions for such purposes, providing for the deposit and payment of funds by municipalities and political divisions with the State Treasurer for such purposes, and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Small:

S. B. No. 385, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the commissioners' court to employ a person skilled in tax matters to enforce or assist in the enforcement of the collection of delinquent taxes payable through the office of the tax assessors-collectors, prescribing his duties, prescribing the term he may be employed, prescribing and limiting his compensation, providing that a certified copy of the order of employment be furnished the State Comptroller; providing that the assessorcollectors, where such persons are employed, shall pay over to the county treasurers all penalty and interest collected on such delinquent taxes, or 15 per cent of the delinquent taxes collected, if the interest and penalty are made uncollectible by legislative act; that such sum shall be paid into the general funds of the counties, and out of such monies there shall first be paid the cost of collecting delinquent taxes and any balance may be used for general fund purposes; repealing Articles 7335 Revised Civil Statutes, 1925; Chapter 8, Acts Fourth Called Session of the Article Forty-first Legislature, 7335a, Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes; and Chapter 229, Acts of the Forty-second Legislature, Article 7264a, Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes, and all other laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Affairs.

By Senator Small:

S. B. No. 386, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Panhandle Water Conservation Authority as a body politic and corporate, defining its boundaries, specifying its powers and duties, providing for its officers and the amount and manner of compensating same and their duties and powers; providing for the diversion of certain State ad valorem taxes, and declaring an emergency.'

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Small:

S. B. No. 387, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 4668, 1925, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, and amending Article 653, Penal Code, and declaring an emer-

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Senator Sulak:

S. B. No. 388, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 4875a-13 and 4875a-14, Chapter 9A, Title 78, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, relating to the organization of local mutual aid associations to provide that the benefit paid by such associations shall be dependent upon the amount realized from assessments upon the membership; that such certificates shall provide for assessments upon the death of a member in the respective group for which the certificate is issued; that no certificate providing for regular premium or periodical assessments shall be issued unless such certificate provide for an assessment or premium equal to the average annual mortality cost for the life expectancy of the member as determined from the American Experience table of additional mortality, plus such additional amount as the association may add for expense, loading, defining the average mortality cost as the annual net premium and making it a part of the mortuary fund; providing that no part of such net premium shall be used or applied to any operating expenses of the association; providing that such associations may provide for a membership fee. Repealing all laws and parts of laws Referred to Committee on State in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Insurance.

By Senator Pace:

S. B. No. 389, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 198, Title 8, Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, and Article 1817, Title 39, Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, by creating a new Supreme Judicial District and providing for the location of said Supreme Judicial District, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.

By Senators Cotten and Van Zandt:

S. B. No. 390, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 2831, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

By Senators Cotten and Van Zandt:

S. B. No. 391, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 2827, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, as amended by Chapter 9, Acts of the Forty-third Legislature, Fourth Called Session, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

By Senator Cotten:

S. B. No. 392, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide that the mortgagor and mortgagee in any deed of trust or other written instrument granting a contract lien upon real estate may agree therein that upon foreclosure the real estate may be sold in some county other than the county or counties in which such real estate, or a part thereof, is located; that in such instance foreclosure sale may be made in the county agreed upon by the parties, and notices otherwise required by law to be posted shall be posted only in the county where the sale is to be made, and, that in the event foreclosure is by court proceedings, order of sale shall issue to the county in which the parties have agreed that the sale shall be conducted."

Referred to Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

By Senator Cotten (by request): S. B. No. 393, A bill to be entitled "An Act making an emergency appropriation to the State Health Department out of the general fund in the State Treasury, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Finance.

By Senator Westerfeld:

S. B. No. 394, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 2477 and 2481, the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, as amended by Chapter 17, Acts of the Forty-first Legislature, Second Called Session of 1929, relating to Rural Credit Unions and to loans made by such corporations, and also rates of interest to be charged by such unions and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Banking.

By Senator Spears:

S. B. No. 395, A bill to be entitled "An Act repealing Article 618 and Article 619 of Chapter three (3) of Title eight (8) of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas adopted at the Regular Session of the Thirty-ninth Legislature, 1925."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Senator Spears:

S. B. No. 396, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 710, Code of Criminal Procedure, as enacted in 1925, as hereinafter set out, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Senator Spears:

S. B. No. 397, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Chapter 2, Title 8, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of the State of Texas, adopted at the Regular Session of the Thirty-ninth Legislature, 1925, by adding thereto Article 601-A, providing that in all counties having therein a city of one hundred thousand or more population, as shown by the last preceding Federal Census, the judge of the court having jurisdiction of a capital case in which a motion for special venire has been made, shall grant or refuse such motion at his discretion and upon his refusal to grant same, require the case to be tried by the regular jurors summoned for service and such additional talesman as may be ordered in the courts of such county; etc., and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Senator Spears:

S. B. No. 398, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 650 and repealing Article 651, Title 8, Chapter 5, and repealing Article 711, Title 8, Chapter 7, of the Code of Criminal Procedure of Texas, 1925; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Senator Head (by request):

S. B. No. 399, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Subdivision 12, Article 4989, Revised Statutes of 1925, and Article 4919, Revised Statutes of 1925, so as to authorize the incorporation of insurance companies for the purpose of writing, and authorizing companies to write, insurance against any hazard which may lawfully be made the subject of insurance, and declaring an emer-

Referred to Committee on Insurance.

By Senator Holbrook:

S. B. No. 400, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Article 5515, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1925, and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

By Senator Sulak:

S. B. No. 401, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend House Bill No. 303, Chapter 245, General Laws of the State of Texas enacted by the Forty-third Legislature, Regular Session, relating to the operation of certain mutual insurance companies incorporated under pre-existing laws, and more particularly Sections 8 and 9 of said House Bill No. 303 that no stock, assests or benefits of any particular group, club or class, shall be pledged, sold or transferred without the consent of three-fourths of the members of such particular group, club or class and providing that no charter, membership, or any part of the membership of any such corporation shall be pledged, sold or transferred without the approval of the Board of Insurance Commissioners; providing for the kinds of benefits such corporations may pay under

the amount of assessments or assessment premiums that shall become a part of the mortuary fund; providing for the investment of the mortuary fund; repealing all laws and parts in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Insur-

By Senator Davis:

S. B. No. 402, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 184 of the Regular Session of the Forty-fourth Legislature creating the Texas National Guard Armory Board and defining its powers and duties; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Military Affairs.

By Senator Davis:

S. B. No. 403, A bill to be entitled "An Act recognizing the validity of Brown County Water Improvement District No. 1, recognizing the flood control value of the storage dam erected by said district across the waters of Pecan Bayou, and the value thereof to the entire Colorado River District; providing for the diversion of all the net amounts of the annual current State ad valorem taxes that may be collected from the property lying within said district which otherwise would go into the general fund of the State of Texas, including the rolling stock belonging to any railroad company situated therein; providing for the Comptroller of Public Accounts to certify to the State Treasurer the amount of said tax which under the terms of this Act are granted to Brown County Water Improvement District No. 1 when and as said taxes are remitted; prescribing the boundaries of said district, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Finance.

By Senator Woodruff (by request): S. B. No. 404. A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the painting of school busses in a distinctive design of colors of red, white and blue; and making it unlawful for any vehicle using the public highway for purposes other than the transportation of school children to be painted in a similar design as provided for school busses and providing a penalty; providing that all contracts for the transportation of school children shall provide for vehicles doing such certificates issued, defining and fixing transportation shall be painted ac-

cording to the statutory design and prohibiting transportation of school children in any vehicles not so painted; and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

By Senators Collie and Oneal:

S. B. No. 405, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring dealers, peddlers and brokers handling or dealing in used oil, gas or pipe line equipment to obtain licenses from the Railroad Commission of the State of Texas; providing for applications, license fees and issuance of such licenses; requiring the keeping of records and filing copies with the sheriffs of the various counties; providing for the renewal of licenses; authorizing the Railroad Commission to refuse to issue and to cancel and forfeit licenses under certain conditions; providing funds collected shall be used to enforce this Act and any surplus transferred to the General Fund of the State; prohibiting the purchase or receiving of such articles from authorizing the Railroad minors; Commission to prescribe forms, adopt rules and regulations in pursuance of this Act; providing penalties and declaring an emergency.

Referred to Committee on Criminal Jurisprudence.

By Senator Small:

S. B. No. 406, A bill to be entitled "An Act to increase the civil jurisdiction of the county court of Collingsworth County, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Civil Jurisprudence.

By Senator Small:

S. B. No. 407, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the Railroad Commission of Texas to promulgate rules, regulations and orders to prevent or lessen drainage from any developed property caused or threatened by the production of gas from any gas well in any common reservoir in this State, and to prevent or lessen the drainage of gas as between different zones in such common reservoirs; authorizing the Railroad Commission to restrict and regulate the production of gas from wells and zones to prevent or lessen drainage; authorizing the Railroad Commission to issue all rules, regulations and give the members of the Court of orders necessary to enforce the law; Civil Appeals, when a member of

authorizing zoning of any common reservoir; defining terms; prescribing the minimum limits to which the production of any well may be restricted; prohibiting production in excess of the amount fixed by the Railroad Commission; providing for cumulative production; prescribing penalties and suits for their collection; providing for injunctions to restrain violations; providing for suits to test the validity of any rules, regulations and orders; repealing all laws in conflict with this Act; and declaring an emergency.'

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Small:

S. B. No. 408, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 6049b of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, same being S. B. No. 337, Acts of the Regular Session of the Forty-second Legislature, page 92, Chapter 58, as amended by H. B. No. 878, Acts of the Regular Session of the Fortythird Legislature, page 215, Chapter 97; and declaring an emergency.'

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Senator Oneal:

S. J. R. No. 15, Proposing amendment to Section 2 of Article 5 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, so as to provide that the Supreme Court shall consist of a Chief Justice and the following Associate Justices: Until January 1, 1939, two Associate Justices; on and after January 1, 1939, four Associate Justices; on and after January 1, 1941, six Associate Justices; on and after January 1, 1943, eight Associate Justices; with power to call in not more than six Courts of Civil Appeals Judges or District Judges to assist in the work of the Supreme Court if the docket of said Court should at any time become congested; to provide the means of electing said Judges to said Supreme Court, a quorum therein, the number of Judges sitting at any one time and their terms of office; and providing for the terms of office of the Commissions of Appeals as now constituted, and providing for the termination of such offices; and proposing an amendment to Article 5 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding thereto another section to be known as Section 6-a, to

that Court has been called to assist in the work of the Supreme Court, the power to call a district judge from that Supreme Judicial District to take the place of the member of the Court of Civil Appeals while he is serving on the Supreme Court."

Referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

Senate Concurrent Resolutions Nos. 37 and 38.

Senator Cotten offered the following resolutions:

- S. C. R. No. 37, Granting permission to continue the suit already brough by W. F. Sewell and wife and J. C. Lewis against the State of Texas and the State Highway Commission of Texas, by making them parties defendant in the suit now pending in the District Court of Navarro County, Texas.
- S. C. R. No. 38, Granting permission to continue the suit already brought by E. A. Eliot and his wife against the State of Texas and the State Highway Commission of Texas by making them parties defendant in the suit now pending in the District Court of Navarro County, Texas.

The resolutions were read severally and were referred by the President to the Committee on State Affairs.

Senate Resolution No. 37.

Senator Van Zandt offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The time has heretofore been extended for making a report under Senate Resolution No. 23, passed at the Third Called Session of the Forty-fourth Legislature; and

Whereas, Said report has now been typed but has not been carefully considered by the several members appointed under said resolution; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of Texas, That the time for making report under said resolution be extended seven

The resolution was read and was adopted.

Appointments Announced.

Pursuant to the provisions of S.

ment of the following committee to attend the funeral of Hon. James P. Buchanan:

Senators Stone, Brownlee, Sulak, Holbrook, Collie, Pace and Lieutenant Governor Woodul.

Bills Signed.

The President signed in the presence of the Senate, after giving due notice thereof, the following enrolled bills:

- S. B. No. 104, "An Act to amend Section 9 of Chapter 22 of the Acts of the Fortieth Legislature, Regular Session, H. B. No. 80, creating the County Courts at Law of Bexar County, Texas, by providing, by this Act, that the judges of said courts may exchange benches and sit and act for and with each other in any case, matter or proceeding now or hereafter pending in said courts; also an Act to amend the last amendment in Section Eleven (11) of the said Acts of the Fortieth Legislature, said last amendment of said Section of said Acts having been passed by the Forty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session, being Chapter 309, H. B. No. 344, by providing, by this Act, that neither of the judges of the two County Courts at Law of Bexar County, Texas, shall be required to give any bond but that they shall take the oath of office prescribed by the Constitution of Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."
- S. B. No. 174, "An Act validating certain bonds of cities in the State of Texas operating under the General Laws of the State and located in counties having a population of less than 80,000 and more than 70,000 according to the last preceding United States Census, which bonds have been heretofore voted subsequent to the enactment of Chapter 382, Acts of the First Called Session of the Forty-fourth Legislature of Texas, 1935, and which bonds are payable out of the revenues to be derived from the operation of the city's waterworks system; authorizing the city to complete its proceedings for the authorization, sale, R. No. 36, previously adopted, the and delivery of such bonds; and de-President announced the appoint-claring an emergency."

Senate Bill No. 174 With House Amendments.

Senator Neal called up S. B. No. 174 from the President's table for consideration of the House amendments to the bill.

The President laid the bill before the Senate, and the House amendments were read.

Senator Neal moved that the Senate concur in the House amendments.

The motion to concur prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas-27.

Aikin.	Oneal.
Beck.	Pace.
Brownlee.	Rawlings.
Burns.	Redditt.
Collie.	Roberts.
Cotten.	Small.
Davis.	Stone.
Head.	Sulak.
Hill.	Van Zandt.
Holbrook.	Weinert.
Isbell.	Westerfeld.
Moore.	Winfield.
Neal.	Woodruff.
Newton.	

Absent-Excused.

Lemens. Nelson.

Shivers. Spears.

Message From the House.

A Clerk from the House was recognized to present the following message:

Hall of the House of Representatives, Austin, Texas, Feb. 25, 1937. Hon. Walter F. Woodul, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bill and resolutions:

H. B. No. 321, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Chapter 141, Acts Fortieth Legislature, Regular Session, as amended by Chapter 246, Acts Forty-second Legislature, Regular Session, creating the Office of the Veterans' State Service Office attached to the Adjutant General's Department; providing for the appoint- ment of the provisions of the law rement of a Veterans' State Service lating to weights and measures shall

ans' State Service Officers, and other necessary personnel; defining the qualifications, authority and duties of such officers; fixing and authorizing payment of their salaries, travel and other expenses; providing that the main office shall be located in Austin, Travis County, Texas; and repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith.'

H. C. R. No. 37, Granting C. A. Lanier permission to sue the State of Texas for damages.

H. C. R. No. 41, Granting permission to the Clement Grain Company of Waco, McLennan County, Texas, to sue the State for damages.

H. C. R. 43, Requesting that the Congress of the United States appropriate the full amounts authorized in the George-Deen Act, in order to assist the states in carrying out programs of vocational education in the public schools.

The House has concurred in Senate amendments to H. B. No. 238 by a vote of 114 yeas, 1 nay.

The House has by a vote of 54 yeas and 57 nays refused to engross the following bill:

H. B. No. 277, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing relief for the Old Glory Rural High Common School District No. 4 of Stonewall County. Texas, in replacing buildings and equipment destroyed by a disastrous fire on December 13, 1936; making an appropriation for said district to replace said buildings and equipment, and declaring an emergency."

The House, by a vote of 48 yeas and 86 nays refused to print on minority report:

H. B. No. 90, "An Act abolishing the office of Commissioner of Agriculture and Department of Agriculture: transferring all powers, duties, and authorities heretofore imposed by law in Commission of Agriculture and Department of Agriculture to Board of Directors of Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas; providing, however, that all rights and duties heretofore vested in the Commissioner of Agriculture and Department of Agriculture pertaining to the administration and enforce-Officer and certain Assistant Veter- be transferred to the Comptroller of

Public transferring Accounts: membership on all Boards and Commissions now held by Commissioner or Agriculture to President of Board of Directors of Agricultural and Mcchanical College; transferring all appropriations for the remainder of the fiscal year January 1, 1939 to August 31, 1939 heretofore made to Department of Agriculture to the Board of Directors of Agricultural and Mechanical College to be extended as provided in General Appropriation Bill, Regular Session, Forty-fifth Legislature 1937; empowering the Board of Directors of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas to formulate such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of the law relating to agriculture; requiring the Board of Directors to make a biennial report to the Governor of Texas; providing for the repeal of all existing statutory provisions and existing laws in conflict with this Act; providing for the re-tention of all laws relating to agriculture not in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully submitted, LOUISE SNOW PHINNEY, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

House Bill on First Reading.

The following bill, received from the House today, was read first time, and referred to the appropriate committee as indicated:

H. B. No. 321, to Committee on Military Affairs.

House Concurrent Resolutions Nos. 37 and 41.

The following resolutions, received from the House today, were laid before the Senate, read severally and referred to the Committee on State Affairs:

H. C. R. No. 37, Authorizing C. A. Lanier to sue the State.

H. C. R. No. 41, Authorizing Clement Grain Company to sue the State.

House Concurrent Resolution No. 43.

H. C. R. No. 43, Requesting Fed-cording to the last preceding or any eral aid for vocational education, refuture Federal Census, and for comceived from the House today was pensation of judges of the County

of laid before the Senate, read and remered by the President to the Commerent mittee on Educational Affairs.

Senate Bill No. 374 on Second Reading.

Senator Moore, by unanimous consent, moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that S. B. No. 374 be placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas-27.

Aikin. Oneal. Beck. Pace. Brownlee. Rawlings. Burns. Redditt. Collie. Roberts. Cotten. Small. Davis. Stone Head. Sulak. Hill. Van Zandt. Holbrook. Weinert. Isbell. Westerfeld. Moore. Winfield. Neal. Woodruff. Newton.

Absent--Excused.

Lemens. Shivers. Nelson. Spears.

On motion of Senator Moore and by unanimous consent, the rule requiring a committee report to lie over one day before consideration by the Senate of the bill reported was suspended, to permit consideration of S. B. No. 374 by the Senate at this time.

The President laid before the Senate, on its second reading and passage to engrossment:

S. B. No. 374, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Subsection (d) of Section 19 of S. B. No. 5, Forty-fourth Legislature, First Called Session, Acts 1935, Chapter 465, and to include therein provision for compensation of county commissioners in counties having a population in excess of 355,000 inhabitants, according to the last preceding or any future Federal Census, and for compensation of judges of the County

Court at Law and County Court at Law No. 2 of Harris County, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

Senate Bill No. 374 on Third Reading.

Senator Moore moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and that S. B. No. 374 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas-27.

Aikin.	Oneal.
Beck.	Pace.
Brownlee.	Rawlings.
Burns.	Redditt.
Collie.	Roberts.
Cotten.	Small.
Davis.	Stone,
Head.	Sulak.
Hill.	Van Zandt.
Holbrook.	Weinert.
Isbell.	Westerfeld.
Moore.	Winfield.
Neal.	Woodruff.
Newton.	•

Absent-Excused.

Lemens.	
Nelgon	

Shivers. Spears.

The President laid S. B. No. 374 before the Senate on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas-27.

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Aikin.	Oneal.
Beck.	Pace.
Brownlee.	Rawlings.
Burns.	Redditt.
Collie.	Roberts.
Cotten.	Small.
Davis.	Stone.
Head.	Sulak.
Hill.	Van Zandt.
Holbrook.	Weinert.
Isbell.	Westerfeld.
Moore.	Winfield.
Neal.	Woodruff.
Newton.	

Absent-Excused.

Lemens.	Shivers.
Nelson.	Spears.

Senate Bill No. 1 With House Amendments.

Senator Brownlee called up S. B. No. 1 from the President's table, for consideration of the House amendments to the bill.

The President laid the bill before the Senate, and the House amendments were read.

Senator Brownlee moved that the Senate do not concur in the House amendments, and that a conference committee be requested to adjust the differences between the two Houses on the bill.

Senator Burns moved as a substitute that the Senate concur in the House amendments.

(Pending consideration of the substitute motion, Senator Woodruff occupied the Chair temporarily.)

Question first recurring on the substitute motion, yeas and nays were demanded.

The substitute motion was lost by the following vote:

Yeas-9.

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Beck.	Newton.
Burns.	Pace.
Cotten.	Small.
Head.	Westerfeld
Moore.	

Nays-12.

Aikin.	Neal.
Brownlee.	Roberts.
Collie.	Stone.
Davis.	Sulak.
Holbrook.	Winfield.
Isbell.	. Woodruff.

Absent.

Rawlings.

Absent—Excused.

Spears.

Paired.

Senator Hill (present), who would vote yea with Senator Nelson (absent), who would vote nay.

Senator Oneal (present), who would vote nay with Senator Shivers (absent), who would vote yea.

Senator Redditt (present), who would vote yea with Senator Lemens (absent), who would vote nay.

Senator Van Zandt (present), who would vote would vote yea with Senator fourth Legislature, Regular Session, who would vote nay.

Question then recurring on the motion to non-concur and ask for a conference committee, it prevailed.

Accordingly, the President announced the appointment of the following Conference Committee on the part of the Senate:

Senators Burns, Pace, Brownlee, Aikin and Holbrook.

Extra Copies of Senate Bill No. 4.

On motion of Senator Van Zandt, it was ordered that 250 extra copies of the Committee Substitute for S. B. No. 4 be printed.

House Bill No. 218 on Final Passage.

Senator Woodruff called up from the President's table, on its final passage (the bill having been read third time on February 10, 1937, and having been tabled subject to call at that time):

H. B. No. 218, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend H. B. No. 423, Acts of the Forty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session, by providing that Limestone, Robertson and Milam Counties be excepted from the provisions of said bill, and declaring an emergency."

The President laid the bill before the Senate, on its final passage.

Senator Woodruff offered the following amendment to the bill:

Amend H. B. Nq. 218 by striking out all below the enacting clause and substituting therefore the following:

That H. B. No. 423, Acts of the Forty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session, Section 1, be so amended that the same hereafter read as follows:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful to take or kill any mourning dove in the counties of Lee, Milam, Robertson and Limestone Counties, at any time other than during the period from the first day of September until the last day of October, both days inclusive.

Sec. 2. The fact that Limestone, with; enact Robertson, Milam and Lee Counties and relating are in the North Zone, but placed in the South Zone by the provisions of emergency.'

fourth Legislature, Regular Session, and the further fact that the open season in the North Zone is during the periods from December 1st to January 16th, both days inclusive of any year, or the period of the open season for hunting in the North Zone for mourning doves that the open season for hunting of mourning dove in the South Zone is during the months of September and October of each year, creates an emergency and imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and said rule is hereby suspended, and this Act shall take effect and be enforced from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

NEWTON, WOODRUFF.

The amendment was adopted unanimously.

The bill then was passed.

Senate Bill No. 340 on Second Reading.

On motion of Senator Winfield and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to engrossment:

S. B. No. 340, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a Special Road Law for Pecos County, Texas, providing that said county may fund or refund designated interest-bearing time warrants in an amount not exceeding \$52,000.00 and designated scrip warrants in an amount not exceeding \$56,000.00 outstanding against its Road and Bridge Fund as of February 20, 1937, by the issuance of funding bonds and setting forth the method of issuing same; validating all acts of the commissioners' court and of the county officials of said county in authorizing, levying taxes to pay principal and interest thereon and in issuing and delivering said warrants; providing that the General Laws pertaining to roads and bridges shall be applicable to said county when not in conflict with the provisions hereof; repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith; enacting provisions incident to and relating to the subject and purpose of this Act, and declaring an

The President laid the bill before the Senate, on its second reading and passage to engrossment.

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

Senate Bill No. 340 on Third Reading.

Senator Winfield moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and that S. B. No. 340 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas-26.

Aikin.		Newton.
Beck.		Oneal.
Brownlee.		Pace.
Burns.		Rawlings.
Collie.		Redditt.
Cotten.		Roberts.
Davis.		Small,
Head.	•	Stone.
Hill.		Sulak.
Holbrook.		Van Zandt.
Isbell.		Westerfeld.
Moore.		Winfield.
Neal.		Woodruff.

Absent-Excused.

Lemens.	Spears.
Nelson.	Weinert.
Shivers.	,

The President laid S. B. No. 340 before the Senate, on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas-26.

Newton.
Oneal.
Pace.
Rawlings.
Redditt.
Roberts.
Small.
Stone.
Sulak.
Van Zandt.
Westerfeld.
Winfield.
Woodruff.

Absent-Excused.

Lemens.	Spears.
Nelson.	Weinert.
Shivers	

House Bill No. 470 on Second Reading.

On motion of Senator Collie and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up on its second reading and passage to third reading:

H. B. No. 470, A bill to be entitled "An Act re-enacting and amending Article 4902, Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, as amended by Chapter 180, Acts of the Regular Session of the Forty-second Legislature, so as to provide for levying, assessing and collecting an additional one and onefourth per cent of the gross fire and/or lightning, and/or tornado, and/or windstorm, and/or hail insurance premiums of all companies doing business of fire or lightning or tornado or windstorm or hail insurance in this State, according to the reports made to the Board of Insurance Commissioners as required by law, and so as to provide that the taxes levied and assessed against the gross premiums of certain insurance companies shall be independent of and in addition to all other taxes imposed by law upon such companies, and declaring an emergency.'

On motion of Senator Collie and by unanimous consent, the rule requiring printed copies of a bill to be on the desks of Senators 24 hours before consideration of the bill was suspended, to permit consideration of the bill at this time.

The President laid the bill before the Senate, on its second reading and passage to third reading.

The bill was read second time and was passed to third reading.

House Bill No. 470 on Third Reading.

Senator Collie moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended and H. B. No. 470 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas-26.

Aikin.	Davis.
Beck.	Head.
Brownlee.	Hill.
Burns.	Holbrook.
Collie.	Isbell.
Cotten.	Moore.

Neal. Small Newton. Stone. Oneal. Sulak. Pace. Van Zandt. Rawlings. Westerfeld. Redditt. Winfield. Roberts. Woodruff.

Absent-Excused.

Lemens. Nelson. Shivers.

Spears. Weinert.

The President then laid H. B. No. 470 before the Senate, on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas-26.

Aikin. Newton. Beck. Oneal. Brownlee. Pace. Burns. Rawlings. Collie. Redditt. Cotten. Roberts. Davis Small. Head. Stone. Hill. Sulak Holbrook. Van Zandt. Isbell. Westerfeld. Moore, Winfield. Neal. Woodruff.

Absent—Excused.

Lemens. Nelson. Shivers.

Spears. Weinert.

House Bill No. 471 on Second Reading.

On motion of Senator Collie and by unanimous consent, the regular order of business was suspended to take up and have placed on its second reading and passage to third reading:

H. B. No. 471, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the annual assessment and collection of a tax on premiums for Workmen's Compensation insurance policies written by stock companies, mutual companies, reciprocals or inter-insur-ance exchanges, or Lloyds associa-tions covering risks in this State to defray the salaries and expenses of carrying out the provisions of Articles 4907 to 4918, inclusive, Chapter 10, Title 78, Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, and providing that any unexpended balance shall be carried Brownlee.

over in succeeding years in a separate fund, and shall reduce the assessment for succeeding years, and repealing Article 4906, Revised Civil Statutes of 1925, and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Senator Collie and by unanimous consent, the rule requiring printed copies of bills to be on the desk of each Senator 24 hours before consideration of the bill by the Senate was suspended, to permit consideration by the Senate of H. B. No. 471 at this time.

The President laid the bill before the Senate on its second reading and passage to third reading.

The bill was read second time and was passed to third reading.

House Bill No. 471 on Third Reading.

Senator Collie moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and that H. B. No. 471 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas-26.

Newton. Aikin. Oneal. Beck. Pace. Brownlee. Rawlings. Burns. Redditt. Collie. Roberts. Cotten. Small. Davis. Stone. Head. Sulak. Hill. Van Zandt. Holbrook. Westerfeld. Isbell. Winfield. Moore. Woodruff. Neal

Absent—Excused.

Lemens. Nelson. Shivers.

Spears. Weinert.

The President laid H. B. No. 471 before the Senate, on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas--26.

Rurne Aikin. Collie. Cotten.

Rawlings. Davis. Redditt Head. Hill. Roberts. Holbrook. Small. Isbell. Stone. Moore. Sulak. Neal. Van Zandt. Newton. Westerfeld. Winfield. Oneal. Pace. Woodruff.

Absent-Excused.

Lemens. Nelson.

Spears. Weinert.

Shivers.

House Bill No. 56 on Passage to Third Reading.

Senator Redditt called up from the President's table, on its passage to third reading (the bill having been read second time on yesterday and having been tabled subject to call at that time):

H. B. No. 56, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the amount that may be allowed by County Boards of Trustees to the County Superintendents of Public Instruction for expenditures for office and traveling expenses in certain counties according to the last preceding Federal Census; repealing all laws and parts of laws, General or Special, in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

With amendments (1) and (2), offered by Senator Redditt on yesterday, pending.

The President laid the bill and pending amendments before the Senate

The amendments were adopted. H. B. No. 56 was passed to third reading.

House Bill No. 56 on Third Reading.

Senator Redditt moved that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and that H. B. No. 56 be placed on its third reading and final

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas-26.

Aikin. Beck.

Brownlee. Burns.

Collie. Pace. Rawlings. Cotten. Davis. Redditt. Head. Roberts. Small. Hill. Holbrook. Stone. Sulak. Isbell. Van Zandt. Moore. Westerfeld. Neal. Newton. Winfield. Oneal, Woodruff.

Absent-Excused.

Lemens. Nelson. Shivers.

Spears. Weinert.

The President then laid H. B. No. 56 before the Senate on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed by the following vote:

Yeas-26.

Aikin. Newton. Beck. Oneal. Brownlee. Pace. Rawlings, Burns. Collie. Redditt. Cotten. Roberts. Small. Davis. Head. Stone. Sulak. Hill. Holbrook. Van Zandt. Westerfeld. Isbell. Moore. Winfield. Woodruff. Neal.

Absent—Excused.

Lemens. Nelson. Shivers.

Spears. Weinert.

Report of Conference Committee on S. B. No. 72.

Senator Woodruff submitted the following report of the Conference Committee on S. B. No. 72:

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 24, 1937. Hon. Walter F. Woodul, President of the Senate,

Hon. R. W. Calvert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sirs: We, your Conference Committee, appointed to adjust the differences between the Senate and House on Senate Bill No. 72, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report it back to the Senate and House with the recommendation that Senate Bill No. 72 be adopted in the form hereto attached.

Very respectfully,

WOODRUFF, DAVIS, SMALL, HEAD.

On the part of the Senate.

McCONNELL,

WALKER,

HANKAMER,

BRADBURY

On the part of the House.

Question—Shall the report be adopted?

The report was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas- 26.

Aikin. Newton. Beck. Oneal. Brownlee. Pace. Burns. Rawlings. Collie. Redditt. Cotten. Roberts. Davis, Small. Head. Stone. Hill. Sulak. Holbrook. Van Zandt. Isbell. Westerfeld. Moore. Winfield. Neal Woodruff.

Absent-Excused.

Lemens. Nelson. Shivers.

Spears. Weinert.

Adjournment.

On motion of Senator Woodruff, the Senate, at 12:35 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

APPENDIX.

Reports of Standing Committees.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 24, 1937. Hon. Walter F. Woodul, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Agricultural Affairs, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 4, A bill to be entitled "An Act reciting the existing condition of the farm, grazing and different lands of the State of Texas; determining the consequences of soil erosion and depletion of the fertility of the soil; reciting appropriate corrective methods; declaring the policy of the Legislature; defining certain words and phrases used in the Act; creating the State Soil Conservation Board; providing the method of selection of the officers of said Board; providing for the employment of an executive officer and other agents and employees as may be required; providing for a treasurer of said Board who shall be under bond; providing for the qualifications, duties, and compensation of such employees as are required by said Boad, fixing the location of the office of the State Soil Conservation Board; Providing the powers and duties of the State Soil Conservation Board; providing an appropriation for the use of said State Soil Conservation Board: creating County Soil Conservation Districts; designating who shall serve as officers of the respective County Soil Conservation Districts; providing for a treasurer of each County Soil Conservation District and fixing the bond therefor; prescribing the powers and duties of the County Soil Conservation District and, among other powers, permitting the issuance of bonds by said County Soil Conservation Districts and prescribing the procedure therefor; repealing H. B. No. Thirteen (13), Forty-second Legislature, Regular Session: repealing Senate Bill No. Two Hundred Twenty-seven (227).Forty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session; providing that if any portion of the act be held unconstitutional the remaining portion shall not thereby be affected; pro-viding that in the event any provision of this Act be in conflict with the provision of any law already existing that this Act shall be controlling; and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass but in lieu thereof the attached substitute do pass and be printed.

DAVIS, Chairman.

Committee Room Austin, Texas, Feb. 25, 1937. Hon. Welter F. Woodul, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Agricultural Affairs, to whom was

S. B. No. 85, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing for the licensing of all persons before engaging in the business of handling perishable of violation thereof under this Act agricultural commodities as defined and fixing the venue of all suits in this Act, whether as a commission merchant, dealer, broker or as agent of any commission merchant, dealer, or broker; defining certain terms as used herein; providing manner of settlement by licensees with producer, seller, or owner; providing that all contracts between dealers and owners, sellers or producers shall be in writing and providing time and manner of settlement, making it unlawful for any person to engage in business as a commission merchant, dealer, broker or as an ing that it shall be the duty of the agent of any commission merchant, dealer or broker without first complying with the terms and provisions of this Act; prescribing the duties of Act; providing for the regulation of the commissioner under this Act; buying, selling and handling perishproviding for applications for lcienses under this Act and for the contents thereof; providing for license fees to be paid by licensees under this Act and for the granting of licenses and the duration thereof; providing for the cancellation of licenses for violation of this Act; providing for the depositing of license fees with the State Treasurer in a special fund to be known as the Agricultural Protective Act Fund and providing the purpose for which such funds may be used; providing for the investigation and filing of complaints by the commissioner and/or his agents against violators of this Act; providing for the holding of hearings by the commissioner on such complaints and for the commissioner's powers and authority in connection with such hearing; providing for cancellation or suspension of licenses and providing for appeal to courts of competent jurisdiction for revisions of any order entered by the Commissioner; providing for accurate records of accounts to be kept and furnished by licensees under this Act to consignors, producers and/or their agents; providing

for the powers and authority of the Commissioner in all matters pertaining to violations of the provisions of this Act; fixing penalties for violators of this Act; providing for bonding licensees under this Act and for fixing the amount of said bond and the terms, conditions and requirements thereof; providing for recovery on said bonds in the event arising thereunder; providing for exemption of retailers as defined in this Act; providing for the exemption of cooperative organizations as defined herein from the terms of this Act; providing for the exemption of persons buying farm products for the purpose of reselling the same in dried, canned or other preserved form; providing for the exemption from the provisions of this Act of all growers who handle and market their own fruit individually; providcommissioner, his agents and employees to assist in the apprehension and punishment of violators of this able agricultural commodities to prevent unfair trade practices and in a manner which will assure the protection of producers and licensees as herein defined; providing that it shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business of handling farm products within the State unless and until such person has fully complied with the provisions of this Act; making the adoption of this Act contingent upon its acceptation by individual counties within the State and providing the manner of its adoption by such counties: providing for the validity of remainder of this Act if any portion of the same be declared unconstitutional and declaring an emergency.'

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

DAVIS. Chairman.

Committee Room. Austin, Texas, Feb. 23, 1937. Hon. Walter F. Woodul, President of the Senate. Sir: We, your Committee on

Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 40, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a State Bar, defining the powers thereof, constituting it an administrative agency of the judicial department of the State; prescribing the membership thereof, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass with committee amendment, and be printed.

SMALL, Chairman.

Committee Amendment.

Amend S. B. No. 40 by striking out all below the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"Section 1. All persons who are now or who shall hereafter be licensed to practice and admitted to practice as attorneys at law in this State under and pursuant to laws of this State now in force or the rules hereafter adopted by the Supreme Court, shall be registered under rules and regulations prescribed by the Supreme Court as attorneys with the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas and shall be subject to the provisions hereof and the rules adopted by the Supreme Court, Such persons shall be registered on or before January 1, 1938.

Sec. 2. Any person, who is not registered as an attorney with the Clerk of the Supreme Court, or whose name is stricken from such register, or while suspended from such register under the rules and regulations adopted and promulgated by the Supreme Court, or who is not licensed to practice law in this State, is hereby prohibited from practicing law in this State.

Sec. 3. The Supreme Court of Texas is empowered and it shall be its duty to adopt, promulgate and enforce rules and regulations for the conduct of all attorneys licensed to practice law and registered with the Clerk of the Supreme Court. Such rules shall prescribe a code of ethics governing the professional conduct of attorneys at law and the practice of law, and shall establish means, practice and procedure for

disciplining, suspending, and disbarring attorneys at law, and provide for admission to the practice of law, and shall prohibit those engaded in the practice of law who are not entitled so to do.

Sec. 4. All laws, or parts of laws, in conflict with this Act, are hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. This Act shall be known and cited as the "State Bar Act."

Sec. 6. The crowded condition of the calendar creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity demanding the suspension of the Constitutional Rule requiring all bills to be read on three several days in each House, and said rule is hereby suspended and Section One (1) of this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and the remainder of this Act shall take effect and be in force on and from January 1, 1938, and it is so enacted."

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 25, 1937. Hon. Walter F. Woodul, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Counties and County Boundaries, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 374, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Subsection (d) of Section 19 of S. B. No. 5, Fortyfourth Legislature, First Called Session, Acts 1935, Chapter 465, and to include therein provision for compensation of county commissioners in counties having a population in excess of 355,000 inhabitants, according to the last preceding or any future Federal Census, and for compensation of judges of the County Court at Law and County Court at Law and County Court at Law No. 2 of Harris County, Texas, and declaring an emergency:"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

NEAL, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 24, 1937. Hon. Walter F. Woodul, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Agricultural Affairs, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 321, A bill to be entitled "An Act defining livestock auction commission merchants, prescribing their duties as such livestock auction commission merchants, requiring them to give bond in a solvent surety company authorized to do business in this State, with a capital stock of not less than \$500,000, such bond to be approved by the county judge of such county; to require such livestock auction commission merchants to keep an accurate description of the livestock so sold by them at auction, giving marks and brands thereon, if any; to make quarterly reports to the commissioners' court of the county in which they carry on such business, and providing penalties therefor, and declaring an emergency.

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and

be printed.

DAVIS, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 24, 1937. Hon. Walter F. Woodul, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Agricultural Affairs, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 293, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 3875 (5898) Title 60, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1925, to provide for the use of funds collected under this Title for research and research facilities relating to the administration of the Feeding Stuff Law and for other purposes, and declaring an emergency.'

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, together with the attached Committee Amendment No. 1, and be printed.

DAVIS. Chairman.

Committee Amendment No. 1.

Amend H. B. No. 293, page 2, line 7, by adding after the word "law" the following:

"And including teaching, and instruction in feeds and feeding and animal nutrition."

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 25, 1937. Hon. Walter F. Woodul, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Fi-

nance, to whom was referred S. B. No. 248, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriation to pay past due rent on armories from March 1st, 1932, to August 31, 1932, under lease to the National Guard of the State of Texas, and authorizing payment of said rent on taking effect of this Act; ratifying and confirming lease contracts made during this period by the Adjutant General of the State of Texas, etc."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

REDDITT, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 25, 1937. Hon. Walter F. Woodul, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Fi-

nance, to whom was referred S. B. No. 305, A bill to be entitled "An Act appropriating the fund provided for the use and benefit of the Comptroller in the administration and enforcement of the provisions of the Act as provided for in Section 9 of House Bill No. 89, Chapter 353, Acts of the Regular Session of the Forty-fourth Legislature, for the use and benefit of the Comptroller in theadministration of said Act from and after May 30, 1937, for the remainder of the fiscal year ending August 31, 1937, etc."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed.

REDDITT, Chairman.

Committee Room. Austin, Texas, Feb. 25, 1937. Hon. Walter F. Woodul, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Fi-

nance, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 96, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriations for the support and maintenance of summer schools during the summer of the year 1937 at the several State institutions of higher learning in the State of Texas, authorizing the expenditure of said institutions of certain additional amounts from fees

collected from summer school students, etc."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that Committee substitute in lieu thereof do pass and be printed.

REDDITT, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 25, 1937.
Hon. Walter F. Woodul, President of
the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 99, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriations for the support and maintenance of West Texas State Teachers College and for the erection of permanent improvements at the West Texas State Teachers College, etc."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that Committee substitute in lieu thereof do pass and be printed.

REDDITT, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 25, 1937. Hon. Walter F. Woodul, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 105, A bill to be entitled "An Act making certain emergency appropriations out of the General Fund of the State of Texas for the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium for Negroes for the remainder of the fiscal year ending August 31, 1937, and prescribing certain regulations and restrictions in respect to the expenditure of said appropriations, etc."

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that committee substitute in lieu thereof do pass and be printed.

REDDITT, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 24, 1937. Hon. Walter F. Woodul, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Engrossed Bills, have had S. B. No. 186 carefully examined and compared and find same correctly engrossed.

ROBERTS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 24, 1937.
Hon. Walter F. Woodul, President of
the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Engrossed Bills, have had S. B. No. 342 carefully examined and compared and find same correctly engrossed.

ROBERTS, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 24, 1937. Hon. Walter F. Woodul, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Engrossed Bills, have had S. B. No. 278 carefully examined and compared and find same correctly engrossed.

ROBERTS, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 24, 1937. Hon. Walter F. Woodul, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Engrossed Bills, have had S. J. R. No. 9 carefully examined and compared and find same correctly engrossed.

ROBERTS, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 24, 1937. Hon. Walter F. Woodul, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Engrossed Bills, have had S. B. No. 289 carefully examined and compared and find same correctly engrossed.

ROBERTS, Chairman..

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 24, 1937. Hon. Walter F. Woodul, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Engrossed Bills, have had S. B. No. 303 carefully examined and compared and find same correctly engrossed.

ROBERTS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 24, 1937.
Hon. Walter F. Woodul, President of
the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Engrossed Bills, have had S. C. R. No. 35 carefully examined and compared and find same correctly engrossed.

ROBERTS, Chairman.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 24, 1937.
Hon. Walter F. Woodul, President of
the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on En-

rolled Bills, have had S. B. No. 104 carefully examined and compared and find same correctly enrolled. WESTERFELD, Chairman.

Committee Room, Austin, Texas, Feb. 25, 1937. Hon. Walter F. Woodul, President of the Senate.

We, your Committee on En-Sir: rolled Bills, have had S. B. No. 174 carefully examined and compared and find same correctly enrolled.
WESTERFELD, Chairman.

TWENTY-NINTH DAY.

(Friday, February 26, 1937)

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by the President.

The roll was called and the following Senators were present:

Pace. Aikin. Rawlings. Beck. Burns. Redditt. Collie. Roberts. Davis. Spears. Head. Stone. Hill. Sulak. Holbrook. Van Zandt. Isbell. Weinert. Moore. Westerfeld. Neal. Winfield. Woodruff. Newton. Oneal.

The following Senators were absent and excused:

Brownlee. Nelson. Cotten. Shivers. Lemens. Small.

A quorum was announced present. The invocation was offered by Mr. Joe H. Smith, Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate.

Reading of the Journal of the proceedings of yesterday was dispensed with, on motion of Senator Roberts.

Leaves of Absence Granted.

Senator Brownlee was granted leave of absence for today, on account of important business, on motion of Senator Davis.

of absence for today, on account of page 684, paragraph 1, relating to illness, on motion of Senator Davis. the investment of surplus funds of

Senator Shivers was granted leave of absence for today, on account of important business, on motion of Senator Burns.

Senator Cotten was granted leave of absence for today, on account of important business, on motion of Senator Sulak.

Senator Nelson was granted leave of absence for today, on account of important business, on motion of Senator Isbell.

Reports of Standing Committees.

Reports on Senate Bills Nos. 359. 215, 172, 375, 328, 30, 69, 220, 221, 89, 107, 271, 380, on House Bills Nos. 131, and 150, on S. C. R. No. 37 and S. C. R. No. 38, and on S. J. R. No. 4 were submitted by the chairmen of the several committees to which they were referred. (See appendix for reports in full.)

Senate Resolution No. 38.

Senator Woodruff offered the following resolution:

Be is Resolved by the Senate, That rules numbers 102 and 103 of the Senate be, and they are hereby suspended upon the introduction of bills; and it shall be in order to introduce bills to and including March 5, 1937, and consider same thereafter in due course.

The resolution was read, and was referred by the President to the Committee on Rules.

Senate Bill No. 84 on Passage to Engrossment.

(Special Order.)

The President laid before the Senate, as unfinished business, on its passage to engrossment (the bill having been read second time on Tuesday, February 23, 1937):

S. B. No. 84, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide, with approval of court the purchase by guardian of life insurance and/or annuity contracts for benefit of his or her ward; and further amending Article 4180 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1935, Acts 1929, Senator Small was granted leave Forty-first Legislature, Chapter 305,